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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-sixth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 27 February to 17 March 1995. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 27 February 1995 at 10.30 a.m.

2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session of the Committee, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 2, which contain the tentative timetable for consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures.

4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

5. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.

6. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention.

7. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session: (a) Annual report submitted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention; (b) Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights.

8. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

9. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. Under rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and, as appropriate, may add, defer or delete items.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the forty-sixth session.

The follcwing timetable for consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties and reviews to be undertaken at the forty-sixth session has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its forty-fifth session.

Timetable for the consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties and for reviews of the implementation of the Convention

Tuesday, 28 February	
Trinidad and Tobago	Seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth periodic reports, due in 1986, 1988, 1990 and 1992 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/224/Add.1)
Romania	Ninth, tenth and eleventh periodic reports, due in 1987, 1989 and 1991 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/210/Add.4)
Wednesday, 1 March	
Romania	(continued)
Italy	Eighth and ninth periodic reports, due in 1991 and 1993 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/237/Add.1)
Thursday, 2 March	
Italy	(continued)
Cyprus	Eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth periodic reports, due in 1990, 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/263/Add.1)

Friday, 3 March	
Cyprus	(continued)
Sri Lanka	Third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic reports, due in 1987, 1989, 1991 and 1993 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/234/Add.1)
Monday, 6 March	
Sri Lanka	(continued)
Guatemala	Second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic reports, due in 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/256/Add.1)
Tuesday, 7 March	
Guatemala	(continued)
Peru	Tenth, eleventh and twelfth periodic reports, due in 1988, 1990 and 1992 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/225/Add.3)
Wednesday, 8 March	
Peru	(continued)
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 1/	Further information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention (CERD/C/248/Add.1)
Thursday, 9 March	
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	(continued)
Croatia 1/	Further information requested under article 9, paragraph 1 of the Convention
Friday, 10 March	
Croatia	(continued)
Cambodia 2/	Initial report (CERD/C/111/Add.4) submitted on 19 November 1985 and considered at the 780th and 802nd meetings in 1987 (CERD/C/SR.780 and 802)

Friday, 10 March (continued)

Bolivia 2/	Fifth, sixth and seventh periodic reports (CERD/C/107/Add.1 and Add.5) submitted on 27 June 1983 and considered at the 658th meeting in 1984 (CERD/C/SR.658)
Nicaragua 2/	Fourth periodic report (CERD/C/128/Add.1) considered at the 818th meeting in 1988 (CERD/C/SR.818)
United Republic of Tanzania 2/	Sixth and seven periodic reports submitted in one document (CERD/C/131/Add.11) and considered at the 817th meeting in 1988 (CERD/C/SR.817)

Monday, 13 March

Bosnia and Herzegovina 1/	Further information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention
Nigeria	Further information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

Tuesday, 14 March

Nigeria	(continued)

3. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this point as one of its regular and principal agenda items. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts; or it may decide to initiate urgent procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention.

Among the preventive actions it will take at its forty-sixth session will be the consideration by the Committee of the implementation of the Convention in the former Yugoslavia, based on further information requested from the Governments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. For the scheduling of the Committee's consideration of that information, see the timetable for consideration of reports, further information and reviews under agenda item 2 above.

4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

At its forty-sixth session, the Committee will consider reports received from the following States parties: Cyprus, Guatemala, Italy, Peru, Romania, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago.

Pursuant to decisions taken at its forty-fifth session, the Committee has scheduled, at its forty-sixth session, a review of the implementation of the Convention in a number of States parties whose reports are excessively overdue. Those States parties are the following: Cambodia, Bolivia, Nicaragua and United Republic of Tanzania.

In accordance with established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration or review by the Committee. For the scheduling of the Committee's consideration of that information, see the timetable for consideration of reports, further information and reviews under agenda item 2 above.

5. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

6. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/C/269) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies of petitions, reports and working papers relating to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

7. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session

(a) Annual report submitted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention

Following a request made by the Committee at its seventh session in 1973, this item is included yearly on the Committee's provisional agenda.

Pursuant to article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the annual report of the Committee, covering its activities during the forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions, was submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session. The Committee will have before it the relevant summary records of the Third Committee and the relevant General Assembly resolution.

(b) Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

During the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, this item was considered by the Third Committee jointly with a number of other items. The Committee will have before it the relevant summary records of the Third Committee and the relevant General Assembly resolution.

Additionally, for its consideration of item 7 (a) and (b) of the provisional agenda, the Committee will have before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting to the General Assembly the report of the fifth meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies (A/49/537);

(b) Relevant summary records of the Third Committee;

(c) Relevant General Assembly resolutions.

8. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its forty-sixth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/268). Part A of that document indicates the reports or information received from 15 States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

9. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 695th meeting (thirtieth session) in August 1984, the Committee decided to keep this item on its agenda and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the relevant activities which would be undertaken in accordance with the Programme of Action for the Third Decade.

Among the matters to be considered under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to discuss the relevant action taken by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session and the recommendation by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in its resolution 1993/3 that arrangements be made for the convening of a joint meeting of the Sub-Commission, the Committee and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia and related intolerance. The purpose of that joint meeting would be to elaborate recommendations pursuant

to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/20, paragraph 4, in regard to measures to be taken at the national and international level in the struggle against racism and racial discrimination.

For its consideration of this item at its forty-sixth session, the Committee will have before it the following documents:

(a) The relevant General Assembly resolution on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

(b) Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia and related intolerance (E/CN.4/1995/78);

(c) Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/20 on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(d) Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities resolution 1993/3 on measures to combat racism and racial discrimination and the role of the Sub-Commission.

Notes

1/ See decision 1 (forty-fourth session) (A/48/18, chap. VIII).

2/ At its forty-fifth session, the Committee decided to proceed with a review of the implementation of the Convention in a number of States parties whose reports were excessively overdue and which had requested postponement of the review at a previous session and promised to submit a report. In the absence of the promised report, the review will be based on the last reports submitted by the State party concerned and the consideration of those reports by the Committee.